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SUBJ: GENERAL SUMITRO ON RELATIONS BETWEEN INDODEL AND  
US EMBASSY SAIGON AND US POLICY IN VIETNAM

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1. SUMMAR: DURING MY FAREWELL CALL JANUARY 23 ON  
DEPUTY ARMED FORCES COMMANDER GENERAL SUMITRO, HE  
SAID CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN INDODEL AND US EMBASSY  
IN SAIGON HAD DETERIORATED. HE ALSO MENTIONED  
IMPRESSION IN GOI THAT US HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE  
VIETNAMESE ON THIER OWN HEREAFTER. I SAID THERE  
MUST BE MISUNDERSTANDING, AND AFFIRMED US DESIRE TO  
CONTINUE ASSISTING SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. I  
ALSO NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND EMBASSY SAIGON  
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HAVE HIGHEST REGARD FOR INDODEL AND WISH IT TO

CONTINUE PLAYING ACTIVE ROLE IN ICCS. SUMITRO SAID  
INDONESIA WILL CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN ICCS, AS  
A "DUTY" IT MUST PERFORM. END SUMMARY

2. SUMITRO COMMENTED THAT THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN  
US EMBASSY IN SAIGON AND INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT  
AND ITS LEADER, GENERAL DHARSONO, HAD DETERIORATED,  
AND THAT THIS SEEMED TO HAVE COINCIDED WITH APPOINTMENT  
OF THE NEW US AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON. SUMITRO SAID HE AND  
SOME OTHERS IN GOI EVEN HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE  
US HAD DECIDED ON A NEW POLICY IN VIETNAM-ONE WHICH  
WOULD LEAVE THE VIETNAMESE VERY MUCH ON THEIR OWN.

3. I TOLD SUMITRO THERE MUST BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING;  
AND THAT I MET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR  
MARTIN IN NOVEMBER AT THE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE  
AND COULD THEREFORE ASSURE HIM OF THE STEADFAST  
DESIRE OF THE US TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM  
AND CAMBODIA. I SUGGESTED THERE MUST ALSO BE SOME MISUNDER-  
STANDING AMONG INDONESIAN ICCS LEADERS OR PERSONNEL, AND ASSURED  
SUMITRO THAT I KNEW AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND OUR EMBASSY IN  
SAIGON HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR AMBASSADOR DHARSONO AND  
INDONESIAN ICCS PERSONNEL AND WANT INDONESIA TO CONTINUE PLAYING  
THE STEADFAST, ACTIVE AND HELPFUL ROLE IT HAS SO FAR PLAYED  
IN THE ICCS, AND THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP THEM IN ANY  
WAY WE COULD, SUCH AS BY SHARING INFORMATION. SUMITRO SAID  
NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT INDONESIA WAS CONSIDERING  
REDUCING ITS ROLE IN THE ICCS; ON THE CONTRARY, HE  
SAID INDONESIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS IS FOR  
"STRATEGIC" REASONS AND IS A DUTY INDONESIA MUST  
CONTINUE TO PERFORM.  
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